

Remarks/Arguments

Allowable Subject Matter

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Examiner:

Claims 4, 7, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response:

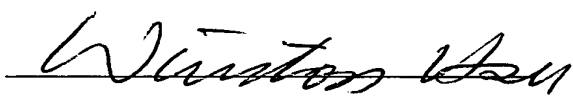
The applicant acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of claims 4, 7, and 12. As a result, claims 4, 7, and 12 have been rewritten as suggested by the examiner.

The limitations of claim 4 have been incorporated into claim 1. No new material has been introduced. The limitations of claim 12 and intervening claim 10 have been incorporated into independent claim 9. No new material has been introduced. Additionally, the limitations of claim 7 and intervening claim 3 have been incorporated into independent claim 1 and introduced as a new independent claim 20. No new material has been introduced.

Additionally, to place the present application in condition for allowance, claims 4, 10, 12, and 14-19 have been cancelled without disclaimer of any kind regarding their respective merits and are no longer in need of consideration.

As a result, the applicant believes that the
present application is now in condition for
allowance as required. Therefore, reconsideration
and allowance of this application is respectfully
requested.

Sincerely,


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